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Dear Sir,

The referenced application as filed on December 4, 2001 inadvertently omits the text for the "Summary of the Invention." Therefore, please amend the Specification to include the complete summary of the invention, as set forth below:

In the Specification, on page 3 at line 5, delete *"To be left blank until claims are finalized"*, and insert

--According to a first aspect of the invention, a general purpose test equipment system is provided, the system comprising: hardware having common object request broker architecture software and a mark-up language enabled input connected to the hardware. According to a specific example embodiment of the invention, the mark-up language enabled input is configured for acceptance of a delimited configuration file. According to a further example, the mark-up language comprises XML, SGML, or HTML. Other mark-up languages will occur to those of skill in the art. In still a further example embodiment, the mark-up language enabled input comprises a mark-up language reader configured to receive a performance specification document and output a delimited configuration file.

In one specific example, the reader selectively outputs a human readable document corresponding to the performance specification document. In another specific example, the performance specification document comprises: an order of test operations to be performed on equipment, wherein the order of test operations is defined in mark-up language, a specification of